

# Statewide Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	MAY 2026	APR 2026	MAY 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				net	percent	net	percent
Georgia	16,388	18,336	19,135	-1,948	-10.6%	-2,747	-14.4%

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Appling	16	82	80	65	2	2.5%	17	26.2%
Atkinson	18	12	32	19	-20	-62.5%	-7	-36.8%
Bacon	18	6	7	16	-1	-14.3%	-10	-62.5%
Baker	17	1	4	3	-3	-75.0%	-2	-66.7%
Baldwin	11	41	51	55	-10	-19.6%	-14	-25.5%
Banks	2	19	20	29	-1	-5.0%	-10	-34.5%
Barrow	9	113	105	105	8	7.6%	8	7.6%
Bartow	1	122	171	174	-49	-28.7%	-52	-29.9%
Ben Hill	18	67	25	20	42	168.0%	47	235.0%
Berrien	18	12	20	29	-8	-40.0%	-17	-58.6%
Bibb	11	250	296	338	-46	-15.5%	-88	-26.0%
Bleckley	16	13	12	13	1	8.3%	0	0.0%
Brantley	18	11	21	18	-10	-47.6%	-7	-38.9%
Brooks	18	13	15	18	-2	-13.3%	-5	-27.8%
Bryan	20	41	38	41	3	7.9%	0	0.0%
Bulloch	20	74	114	90	-40	-35.1%	-16	-17.8%
Burke	12	52	70	101	-18	-25.7%	-49	-48.5%
Butts	8	40	30	48	10	33.3%	-8	-16.7%
Calhoun	17	5	5	9	0	0.0%	-4	-44.4%
Camden	20	37	42	46	-5	-11.9%	-9	-19.6%
Candler	16	15	14	13	1	7.1%	2	15.4%
Carroll	8	151	159	205	-8	-5.0%	-54	-26.3%
Catoosa	1	47	39	38	8	20.5%	9	23.7%
Charlton	19	6	4	7	2	50.0%	-1	-14.3%
Chatham	20	329	338	381	-9	-2.7%	-52	-13.6%
Chattahoochee	14	8	8	15	0	0.0%	-7	-46.7%
Chattooga	1	42	195	42	-153	-78.5%	0	0.0%
Cherokee	7	233	333	300	-100	-30.0%	-67	-22.3%
Clarke	9	167	126	129	41	32.5%	38	29.5%
Clay	14	2	4	7	-2	-50.0%	-5	-71.4%
Clayton	7	737	723	1,000	14	1.9%	-263	-26.3%
Clinch	18	7	13	7	-6	-46.2%	0	0.0%
Cobb	4	1,096	1,224	1,177	-128	-10.5%	-81	-6.9%
Coffee	18	89	116	121	-27	-23.3%	-32	-26.4%
Colquitt	17	32	53	49	-21	-39.6%	-17	-34.7%
Columbia	13	155	170	130	-15	-8.8%	25	19.2%
Cook	18	10	28	22	-18	-64.3%	-12	-54.5%
Coweta	8	318	227	483	91	40.1%	-165	-34.2%
Crawford	11	13	6	13	7	116.7%	0	0.0%
Crisp	15	27	23	65	4	17.4%	-38	-58.5%

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Dade	1	5	6	7	-1	-16.7%	-2	-28.6%
Dawson	2	26	35	24	-9	-25.7%	2	8.3%
Decatur	17	27	51	37	-24	-47.1%	-10	-27.0%
DeKalb	5	1,444	1,505	1,611	-61	-4.1%	-167	-10.4%
Dodge	16	22	17	29	5	29.4%	-7	-24.1%
Dooly	15	9	12	32	-3	-25.0%	-23	-71.9%
Dougherty	17	157	162	178	-5	-3.1%	-21	-11.8%
Douglas	7	301	314	342	-13	-4.1%	-41	-12.0%
Early	17	14	9	18	5	55.6%	-4	-22.2%
Echols	18	1	2	1	-1	-50.0%	0	0.0%
Effingham	20	51	69	69	-18	-26.1%	-18	-26.1%
Elbert	9	20	81	30	-61	-75.3%	-10	-33.3%
Emanuel	16	76	45	65	31	68.9%	11	16.9%
Evans	16	8	15	11	-7	-46.7%	-3	-27.3%
Fannin	1	9	16	20	-7	-43.8%	-11	-55.0%
Fayette	7	135	125	188	10	8.0%	-53	-28.2%
Floyd	1	103	254	320	-151	-59.4%	-217	-67.8%
Forsyth	2	206	229	234	-23	-10.0%	-28	-12.0%
Franklin	2	34	21	17	13	61.9%	17	100.0%
Fulton	6	2,258	2,360	2,520	-102	-4.3%	-262	-10.4%
Gilmer	1	13	23	22	-10	-43.5%	-9	-40.9%
Glascocock	13	2	8	5	-6	-75.0%	-3	-60.0%
Glynn	20	84	82	93	2	2.4%	-9	-9.7%
Gordon	1	70	91	104	-21	-23.1%	-34	-32.7%
Grady	17	16	16	18	0	0.0%	-2	-11.1%
Greene	9	19	32	11	-13	-40.6%	8	72.7%
Gwinnett	7	1,328	1,363	1,399	-35	-2.6%	-71	-5.1%
Habersham	2	56	43	39	13	30.2%	17	43.6%
Hall	2	204	256	299	-52	-20.3%	-95	-31.8%
Hancock	13	10	22	11	-12	-54.5%	-1	-9.1%
Haralson	1	33	46	45	-13	-28.3%	-12	-26.7%
Harris	14	26	50	19	-24	-48.0%	7	36.8%
Hart	2	24	24	43	0	0.0%	-19	-44.2%
Heard	8	22	8	38	14	175.0%	-16	-42.1%
Henry	7	576	589	756	-13	-2.2%	-180	-23.8%
Houston	11	212	217	226	-5	-2.3%	-14	-6.2%
Irwin	18	13	8	18	5	62.5%	-5	-27.8%
Jackson	9	111	82	119	29	35.4%	-8	-6.7%
Jasper	9	24	10	18	14	140.0%	6	33.3%
Jeff Davis	16	19	19	19	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jefferson	12	27	42	34	-15	-35.7%	-7	-20.6%
Jenkins	13	9	9	9	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Johnson	16	24	5	13	19	380.0%	11	84.6%
Jones	11	19	25	25	-6	-24.0%	-6	-24.0%
Lamar	8	36	32	48	4	12.5%	-12	-25.0%
Lanier	18	9	7	18	2	28.6%	-9	-50.0%
Laurens	16	79	95	63	-16	-16.8%	16	25.4%
Lee	17	34	27	33	7	25.9%	1	3.0%
Liberty	20	86	87	85	-1	-1.1%	1	1.2%
Lincoln	13	3	7	4	-4	-57.1%	-1	-25.0%

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Long	20	24	24	28	0	0.0%	-4	-14.3%
Lowndes	18	138	154	148	-16	-10.4%	-10	-6.8%
Lumpkin	2	26	14	32	12	85.7%	-6	-18.8%
Macon	15	19	26	24	-7	-26.9%	-5	-20.8%
Madison	9	23	28	34	-5	-17.9%	-11	-32.4%
Marion	15	3	8	11	-5	-62.5%	-8	-72.7%
McDuffie	13	31	49	35	-18	-36.7%	-4	-11.4%
McIntosh	20	12	9	16	3	33.3%	-4	-25.0%
Meriwether	8	48	66	90	-18	-27.3%	-42	-46.7%
Miller	17	6	6	7	0	0.0%	-1	-14.3%
Mitchell	17	29	37	25	-8	-21.6%	4	16.0%
Monroe	11	25	34	31	-9	-26.5%	-6	-19.4%
Montgomery	16	16	26	13	-10	-38.5%	3	23.1%
Morgan	9	24	12	26	12	100.0%	-2	-7.7%
Murray	1	62	175	75	-113	-64.6%	-13	-17.3%
Muscogee	14	299	362	338	-63	-17.4%	-39	-11.5%
Newton	9	230	253	277	-23	-9.1%	-47	-17.0%
Oconee	9	18	11	17	7	63.6%	1	5.9%
Oglethorpe	9	19	8	15	11	137.5%	4	26.7%
Paulding	1	249	289	261	-40	-13.8%	-12	-4.6%
Peach	11	25	31	48	-6	-19.4%	-23	-47.9%
Pickens	1	18	26	33	-8	-30.8%	-15	-45.5%
Pierce	18	11	18	16	-7	-38.9%	-5	-31.3%
Pike	8	18	39	21	-21	-53.8%	-3	-14.3%
Polk	1	45	62	83	-17	-27.4%	-38	-45.8%
Pulaski	11	15	9	21	6	66.7%	-6	-28.6%
Putnam	11	20	22	35	-2	-9.1%	-15	-42.9%
Quitman	14	2	0	3	2	0.0%	-1	-33.3%
Rabun	2	68	14	29	54	385.7%	39	134.5%
Randolph	14	5	4	9	1	25.0%	-4	-44.4%
Richmond	12	379	457	414	-78	-17.1%	-35	-8.5%
Rockdale	7	202	202	231	0	0.0%	-29	-12.6%
Schley	15	1	3	1	-2	-66.7%	0	0.0%
Screven	20	27	37	27	-10	-27.0%	0	0.0%
Seminole	17	13	4	11	9	225.0%	2	18.2%
Spalding	8	125	137	185	-12	-8.8%	-60	-32.4%
Stephens	2	45	38	39	7	18.4%	6	15.4%
Stewart	14	4	6	4	-2	-33.3%	0	0.0%
Sumter	15	47	67	69	-20	-29.9%	-22	-31.9%
Talbot	14	9	12	16	-3	-25.0%	-7	-43.8%
Taliaferro	13	0	2	1	-2	-100.0%	-1	-100.0%
Tattall	16	26	23	19	3	13.0%	7	36.8%
Taylor	15	6	8	15	-2	-25.0%	-9	-60.0%
Telfair	16	16	13	20	3	23.1%	-4	-20.0%
Terrell	17	11	14	27	-3	-21.4%	-16	-59.3%
Thomas	17	46	66	51	-20	-30.3%	-5	-9.8%
Tift	18	53	59	58	-6	-10.2%	-5	-8.6%
Toombs	16	37	96	52	-59	-61.5%	-15	-28.8%
Towns	2	6	3	6	3	100.0%	0	0.0%
Treutlen	16	14	14	15	0	0.0%	-1	-6.7%

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Troup	8	122	183	229	-61	-33.3%	-107	-46.7%
Turner	18	13	14	9	-1	-7.1%	4	44.4%
Twiggs	11	13	13	13	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Union	2	16	13	16	3	23.1%	0	0.0%
Upson	8	41	117	51	-76	-65.0%	-10	-19.6%
Walker	1	54	82	63	-28	-34.1%	-9	-14.3%
Walton	9	111	131	149	-20	-15.3%	-38	-25.5%
Ware	18	44	44	34	0	0.0%	10	29.4%
Warren	13	8	16	9	-8	-50.0%	-1	-11.1%
Washington	13	25	18	25	7	38.9%	0	0.0%
Wayne	16	40	37	27	3	8.1%	13	48.1%
Webster	15	6	1	1	5	500.0%	5	500.0%
Wheeler	16	10	6	8	4	66.7%	2	25.0%
White	2	22	21	29	1	4.8%	-7	-24.1%
Whitfield	1	317	561	240	-244	-43.5%	77	32.1%
Wilcox	16	12	7	12	5	71.4%	0	0.0%
Wilkes	13	5	27	14	-22	-81.5%	-9	-64.3%
Wilkinson	11	22	13	14	9	69.2%	8	57.1%
Worth	17	29	31	21	-2	-6.5%	8	38.1%

## Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	MAY 2026	APR 2026	MAY 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				net	percent	net	percent
Albany MSA	231	234	259	-3	-1.3%	-28	-10.8%
Athens-Clarke County MSA	227	173	195	54	31.2%	32	16.4%
Atlanta MD	8,481	8,662	10,015	-181	-2.1%	-1,534	-15.3%
Atlanta MSA	10,214	10,725	11,972	-511	-4.8%	-1,758	-14.7%
Augusta-Richmond County MSA	620	753	684	-133	-17.7%	-64	-9.4%
Brunswick-St. Simons MSA	107	112	127	-5	-4.5%	-20	-15.7%
Columbus MSA	349	446	403	-97	-21.7%	-54	-13.4%
Dalton MSA	379	736	315	-357	-48.5%	64	20.3%
Gainesville MSA	204	256	299	-52	-20.3%	-95	-31.8%
Hinesville MSA	110	111	113	-1	-0.9%	-3	-2.7%
Macon-Bibb County MSA	320	374	420	-54	-14.4%	-100	-23.8%
Marietta MD	1,733	2,063	1,957	-330	-16.0%	-224	-11.4%
Rome MSA	103	254	320	-151	-59.4%	-217	-67.8%
Savannah MSA	421	445	491	-24	-5.4%	-70	-14.3%
Valdosta MSA	161	178	185	-17	-9.6%	-24	-13.0%
Warner Robins MSA	237	248	274	-11	-4.4%	-37	-13.5%

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## Regional Commission (RC) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

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Atlanta Regional Commission	8,516	8,967	9,758	-451	-5.0%	-1,242	-12.7%
Central Savannah River RC	706	897	792	-191	-21.3%	-86	-10.9%
Coastal RC	765	840	876	-75	-8.9%	-111	-12.7%
Georgia Mountains RC	546	502	602	44	8.8%	-56	-9.3%
Heart of Georgia RC	509	524	457	-15	-2.9%	52	11.4%
Middle Georgia RC	655	717	819	-62	-8.6%	-164	-20.0%
Northeast Georgia RC	879	879	930	0	0.0%	-51	-5.5%
Northwest Georgia RC	1,189	2,036	1,527	-847	-41.6%	-338	-22.1%
River Valley RC	473	594	629	-121	-20.4%	-156	-24.8%
Southern Georgia RC	515	587	579	-72	-12.3%	-64	-11.1%
Southwest Georgia RC	420	485	487	-65	-13.4%	-67	-13.8%
Three Rivers RC	921	998	1,398	-77	-7.7%	-477	-34.1%

## Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

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Atlanta Regional LWDA	3,512	3,649	4,216	-137	-3.8%	-704	-16.7%
Central Savannah River Area LWDA	706	897	792	-191	-21.3%	-86	-10.9%
City of Atl./Bal. Fulton Co. LWDA	2,258	2,360	2,520	-102	-4.3%	-262	-10.4%
Coastal Georgia LWDA	765	840	876	-75	-8.9%	-111	-12.7%
Cobb County LWDA	1,096	1,224	1,177	-128	-10.5%	-81	-6.9%
DeKalb County LWDA	1,444	1,505	1,611	-61	-4.1%	-167	-10.4%
Georgia Mountains LWDA	752	731	836	21	2.9%	-84	-10.0%
Heart of GA-Altamaha LWDA	509	524	457	-15	-2.9%	52	11.4%
Lower Chattahoochee LWDA	355	446	411	-91	-20.4%	-56	-13.6%
Middle Flint LWDA	118	148	218	-30	-20.3%	-100	-45.9%
Middle Georgia LWDA	655	717	819	-62	-8.6%	-164	-20.0%
Northeast Georgia LWDA	879	879	930	0	0.0%	-51	-5.5%
Northwest Georgia LWDA	1,189	2,036	1,527	-847	-41.6%	-338	-22.1%
Southern Georgia LWDA	515	587	579	-72	-12.3%	-64	-11.1%
Southwest Georgia LWDA	420	485	487	-65	-13.4%	-67	-13.8%
West Central Georgia LWDA	921	998	1,398	-77	-7.7%	-477	-34.1%

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